

REMARKS

Claim Summary

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-16 and 21-27 are withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction/Election Requirement.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-16 and 25-27, drawn to a tissue shaping device.
- II. Claims 17-24, drawn to method for modifying the shape of a target tissue.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 17-24.

The Examiner has also required Applicants to elect one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

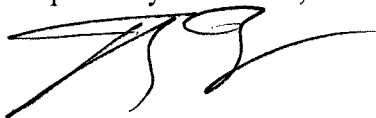
<u>Species</u>	<u>Figures</u>
1	1 and 2
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Applicants elect Species 6 - Figure 9. Claims 17-20 read on the elected species. Claims 17 and 18 are generic to all species.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims pending in this application. If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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